



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5144

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL
AND CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S PLACE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before January 1, 2011, the
2 Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and
3 Addiction Services shall, within existing budgetary resources, jointly
4 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
5 Community Mental Health Strategy Board, established pursuant to
6 section 17a-485b of the general statutes, and to the joint standing
7 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
8 relating to human services, public health and appropriations and the
9 budgets of state agencies and the select committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the
11 feasibility of transferring responsibility for operating Riverview
12 Hospital for Children and Youth and Connecticut Children's Place
13 from the Department of Children and Families to the Department of
14 Mental Health and Addiction Services. Such report shall include, but
15 not be limited to, a determination of whether such transfer is likely to
16 (1) improve patient care, (2) create greater efficiency in the operation of

17 each facility, (3) permit the Department of Children and Families to
18 increase its focus on child protection and welfare, and (4) benefit each
19 facility by utilizing the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
20 Service's expertise in providing treatment to residents of each facility
21 who have psychiatric illnesses and disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services to consider and report on transferring operations of Riverview Hospital and Connecticut Children's Place to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]